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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJ: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: JULY 13 EASTERN PLENARY STATEMENT

AT THE 177TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS,
WHICH WAS HELD ON JULY 13 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF
UK REP (BOLLAND), HUNGARIAN REP (FODOR) DELIVERED THE
ONLY STATEMENT. IN HIS PRESENTATION, FODOR CRITICIZED
IN ROUTINE TERMS THE WESTERN INITIATIVE OF APRIL 19
AND PRAISED THE EASTERN PROPOSALS OF JUN 8. HE ALSO
TOOK A FIRM LINE IN DEFENSE OF THE EASTERN POSITION
ON DATA. THE MAIN POINTS OF THE HUNGARIAN STATEMENT,
THE FULL TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM, WERE:

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1) THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN THE
PAST YEAR AS EVIDENCED BY THE EXCHANGE OF FURTHER
DATA, THE WESTERN INITIATIVE OF APRIL 19 AND THE
SIGNIFICANT EASTERN PROPOSALS OF JUN 8.

2) THE TASK NOW IS TO ANALYZE THE TWO NEW PROPOSALS
TO SHOW WHICH OF THEM IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE FOR

WORKING OUT AN AGREEMENT.

3) THE WESTERN PROPOSALS MUST BE EVALUATED IN LIGHT OF THE CRITERIA OF MUTUALITY AND EQUIVALENCE OF COMMITMENTS AS WELL AS OF THE PRINCIPLE OF UN-DIMINISHED SECURITY.

4) THE WESTERN PROPOSALS DO NOT ACCORD WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL SECURITY BECAUSE THEIR IMPLEMENTATION WOULD ALTER THE EXISTING EQUAL RELATIONSHIP OF FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE WEST.

5) THEY ALSO VIOLATE THE PRINCIPLE OF MUTUALITY BECAUSE THEY WOULD IMPOSE NATIONAL COMMITMENTS FOR THE US AND USSR WHILE LEAVING THE COMMITMENTS OF OTHER DIRECT PARTICIPANTS UNDECIDED.

6) THEY DO NOT PROVIDE FOR EQUIVALENT OBLIGATIONS EITHER QUALITATIVELY, QUANTITATIVELY OR IN REGARD TO THE METHOD OF REDUCTIONS.

7) THE WESTERN PROPOSALS REST ON THE UNJUSTIFIED ASSERTION THAT THERE ARE DISPARITIES FAVORING THE EAST BETWEEN THE FORCES OF THE TWO SIDES IN THE AREA--ASSERTIONS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN PROVED AND WHICH HAVE BEEN UNDERCUT BY THE RESULTS OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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DATA DISCUSSION.

8) THE WEST HAS NOT DEMONSTRATED A REAL WILLINGNESS TO CLARIFY THE REASONS FOR THEIR OVERESTIMATES OF WARSAW PACT FORCES BY RESPONDING AFFIRMATIVELY TO EASTERN PROPOSALS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE DATA DISCUSSION.

9) ALTHOUGH THE WEST'S APRIL 19 PROPOSALS DO REPRESENT A STEP FORWARD, THEY DO NOT RESOLVE A SINGLE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE IN THE TALKS AND CANNOT BE CONSIDERED THE BASIS FOR ACHIEVING MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENTS.

10) BY CONTRAST, THE EAST'S JUNE 8 PROPOSALS ARE BASED ON THE EXISTING MILITARY SITUATION IN THAT THEY REFLECT THE OFFICIAL DATA SUBMITTED BY THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS.

11) BOTH EASTERN AND WESTERN GOVERNMENT LEADERS HAVE EMPHASIZED THE COMPROMISE CHARACTER OF THE JUNE 8 PROPOSALS.

12) THE EASTERN PROPOSALS CORRESPOND TO THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUAL SECURITY AND OF MUTUALITY AND EQUALITY OF OBLIGATIONS BECAUSE ALL DIRECT PARTICIPANTS WOULD UNDERTAKE IDENTICAL OBLIGATIONS TO CARRY OUT REDUCTIONS ACCORDING TO THEIR MILITARY POTENTIAL BY IDENTICAL METHODS IN ORDER TO REACH IDENTICAL COLLECTIVE LEVELS FOR THE TWO MILITARY GROUPINGS.

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13) THE EASTERN PROPOSALS ARE SUPERIOR TO THOSE OF THE WEST FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE INTERESTS OF FLANK STATES.

14) THE WESTERN PROPOSALS, WHICH CONTRADICT THE SPIRIT AND GOALS OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS, WOULD PERMIT INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES TO INCREASE THEIR FORCE LEVELS SUBSEQUENT TO AN AGREEMENT, THEREBY CREATING THE POTENTIAL FOR ADVERSELY INFLUENCING THE SECURITY SITUATION NOT ONLY IN CENTRAL EUROPE BUT IN ADJACENT AREAS.

15) THE EASTERN PROPOSALS EXCLUDE THIS POSSIBILITY AND, THUS, WOULD LEAD TO INCREASED STABILITY.

16) THE EAST'S PROPOSALS CONTAIN THE POSSIBILITY FOR WORKING OUT A CONCRETE, MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS

AGREEMENT.

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17) BOTH THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE UNSSOD AND
OFFICIAL STATEMENTS OF THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT
EMPHASIZE THAT THE COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES OF THE
WORLD ARE WAITING FOR RAPID STEPS IN DISARMEMENT.

18) THE HUNGARIAN DELEGATION HOPES THAT THE WESTERN
PARTICIPANTS WILL GIVE A POSITIVE ANSWER TO THE EASTERN
PROPOSALS SOON.

19. IT IS UP TO THE WEST WHETHER OR NOT THE
FAVORABLE POSSIBILITY FOR REACHING AN AGREEMENT
PRESENTED BY THOSE PROPOSALS WILL, IN FACT, BE
UTILIZED.DEAN

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